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**Mail Stop RCE
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/364,786; Filed: July 30, 1999
For: **Processor Having a Compare Extension of an Instruction Set
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$1240.00 to cover:
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